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TO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S. OF DR. N.M. CHITIMBA

1. DURING MAY 1974 SESSION WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA, HEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH (DR.) CHARLES EDWARDS, WHO HEADED U.S. DELEGATION, PERSONALLY INVITED MINISTRY OF HEALTH CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER CHITIMBA TO VISIT U.S. CHITIMBA WAS PLEASED WITH INVITATION AND INDICATED HE WOULD BE GLAD TO ACCEPT IF GOM CONCURRED. HOWEVER, HE TOLD EDWARDS THAT UPON OCCASION GOM CONCURRENCE WAS NOT FORTHCOMING WHEN INVITATION FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR ENTITY WAS ISSUED TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL. HE SUGGESTED THAT EDWARDS REQUEST EMBASSY BLANTYRE TO HANDLE MATTER.

2. DR. EDWARDS WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH FORMAL INVITATION. HE SUGGESTS OCTOBER 1974 TIME FRAME WHICH WOULD PERMIT CHITIMBA'S ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 20-24 MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS OF AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION. HEW WOULD ARRANGE APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING TO INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, CDC ATLANTA. AID/PHA/POP HAS AGREED FINANCE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND UP TO 30 DAYS

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PER DIEM. (MCH ACTIVITIES WOULD BE INCLUDED IN CHITIMBA'S

PROGRAM.)

3. DEPT HAS ADVISED HEW THAT CHITIMBA'S CAUTION REGARDING

INVITATION DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY TO HIM WELL-FOUNDED.
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE IN INVITATION.
IF EMBASSY HAS NO RESERVATION, PRESUME IT COULD FORMULATE
INVITATION SO AS TO PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT GOM WOULD
PROPOSE SOMEONE OTHER THEN CHITIMBA. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. FYI: HEW ADVISES THAT CHITIMBA AS MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE
BOARD WHO HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. POSITIONS ON
CRITICAL ISSUES. SISCO

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